

REPORT
OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,
IN ANSWER

*To a resolution of the Senate calling for information in relation to
American vessels engaged in the palm oil trade on the coast of Africa.*

JANUARY 31, 1859.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Motion to print referred to the Committee on Printing.

FEBRUARY 1.—Report in favor of printing submitted.

FEBRUARY 18, 1859.—Report considered and agreed to.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
January 28, 1859.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith four statements prepared by, and a report from the Register of the Treasury, under this date, accompanying the same, which contain all the information called for by Senate resolution of the 17th, in regard to statistics of trade with Africa, &c., that can be furnished by this department from the means in its power.

I am, very respectfully,

HOWELL COBB,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Register's Office, January 28, 1859.

SIR: The information called for by the Senate resolution of January 17, as to the "number of American vessels which are engaged directly in the palm oil trade on the coast of Africa, the average number of their voyages annually, their tonnage, the nature and value of their exports and imports, and the amount of duties derived from them," cannot be given as to the number of vessels engaged in the palm oil trade from any statistics in this office. I have the honor to enclose herewith statements exhibiting the quantity and value of domestic and foreign exports and imports in American vessels to and from the coast of Africa, the amount of duties derived from them, and the number and tonnage of American vessels which entered and cleared thereto, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858.

I am, very respectfully,

F. BIGGER, *Register.*

Hon. HOWELL COBB,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Statement exhibiting the quantity and value of goods, wares, and merchandise the growth, produce, and manufacture of the United States, exported in American vessels to the coast of Africa, and the number and tonnage of American vessels which cleared thereto, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858.

Species of merchandise.	British possessions in Africa.		French possessions in Africa.		Other ports in Africa.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.
Adamantine candles.....pounds	10,160	1,437	560	110	112,633	18,978	123,353	20,523
Beef.....{ tierces.....100								
Beef.....{ barrels.....47		3,539	19	343	626	10,684	100	14,566
Beer, ale, porter, and cider.....casks.....					120	70	120	70
Do.....in bottles.....dozen.....	62	130			158	275	220	405
Biscuits or shipbread.....barrels.....	2,470	10,866	280	782	3,387	17,474	6,137	29,122
Do.....kegs and boxes.....	1,330		2		1,489		2,821	
Boards, plank and scantling.....M.....	349	6,510	59	856	1,274	60,265	1,682	67,631
Books and maps.....		1,280				492		1,772
Bricks, lime, and cement.....						27		27
Brooms and brushes of all kinds.....		240				143		383
Butter.....pounds.....	1,799	326	625	97	17,344	4,196	19,768	4,619
Cables and cordage.....cwt.....	113	1,241	10	126	126		249	2,895
Carriages and parts thereof.....		2,500						2,500
Cheese.....pounds.....	5,080	535						1,254
Coal.....tons.....	825	3,506			5,421	719	10,501	3,506
Copper and brass, and manufactures of.....		6,870				29,327		36,197
Drugs and medicines.....		610		64		1,299		1,973
Earthen and stoneware.....						884		884
Fish, dried or smoked.....cwt.....	102	450	5	19	601	1,860	708	2,329
Fish, pickled.....{ barrels.....50					197		247	
Fish, pickled.....{ kegs.....120		405			85	2,017	205	2,422
Gold and silver coin.....								308
Gunpowder.....pounds.....	27,370	3,450			923,213	124,293	950,583	127,743
Hams and bacon.....do.....	6,536	774	278	36	37,998	4,809	44,812	5,612
Hats of fur and silk.....						593		593
palm leaf.....	450					1,050		1,820
Other lumber.....		140		320		10,629		10,769
Hops.....pounds.....	15,605	1,470			12,470	1,000	28,075	2,470
Household furniture.....		38,903				9,370		48,273
Ice.....tons.....	490	1,480					490	1,480
India rubber shoes.....pairs.....					260	260	260	260
goods other than shoes.....		810				192		1,002
Indian corn.....bushels.....	9,682	8,632			1,883	1,374	11,565	10,006
meal.....barrels.....	5	20	5	19	137	632	147	671
Iron, castings.....cwt.....	730	3,580			38	195	768	3,775
nails.....pounds.....	87,000	3,123	3,100	115	24,627	1,030	114,727	4,268
all other manufacture of.....		12,455				28,274		40,729

Jewelry, real and imitation.....		500							500
Lard.....pounds.....	1,472	252	2,980	467	8,061	1,318	12,513	2,037	
oil.....gallons.....	1,643	1,764					1,643	1,764	
Leather, boots and shoes of.....pairs.....	600	580			5,120	5,278	5,720	5,858	
Linseed oil.....gallons.....					280	204	260	204	
Tobacco, manufactured.....pounds.....	397,743	65,589	6,030	840	187,120	35,896	590,893	102,265	
Cotton, manufactures of—									
Painted, printed, or dyed.....		2,350				145,142		147,492	
White, other than duck.....						352,748		352,748	
Duck.....						2,218		2,218	
Other manufactures of.....						133,768		133,768	
Glass, manufactures of.....						246		246	
Hemp, manufactures of—									
Bars.....						200		200	
Thread.....						45		45	
Other manufactures of.....		50				1,055		1,105	
Pewter and lead, manufactures of.....						40		40	
Manufactures of wood.....gallons.....	11,225		36			9,687		20,948	
Molasses.....					1,002	312	1,002	312	
Morocco and other leather not sold per pound.....						57		57	
Musical instruments.....	400					1,875		2,275	
Whale and other fish oil.....gallons.....	600	535			483	377	1,083	912	
Onions.....						80		80	
Paints and varnish.....		110				1,219		1,329	
Paper and other stationery.....		385				1,541		1,926	
Pork.....barrels.....	335	6,028	30	454	546	9,847	911	16,329	
Potatoes.....bushels.....					15	12	15	12	
Printing presses and type.....						110		110	
Rice.....{ barrels.....	4				441		445		
	10	242			315	13,744	325	13,986	
Rosin and turpentine.....{ barrels.....	370	695			750	1,463	1,120	2,158	
Rye, oats, and other small grain and pulse.....		1,479				328		1,807	
Saddlery.....		50						50	
Salt.....bushels.....					31	6	31	6	
Shingles.....M.....	587	1,678	90	430	663	3,181	1,340	5,289	
Soap.....pounds.....	32,000	3,520			123,603	7,876	155,603	11,396	
Spermaceti and sperm candles.....do.....					1,800	500	1,800	500	
Spirits from grain.....gallons.....					15,440	7,527	15,440	7,527	
molasses.....do.....	47,000	21,015	8,210	2,890	867,670	325,923	922,880	349,828	
all other material.....do.....			50	27	1,165	752	1,215	779	
Spirits of turpentine.....do.....	1,000	340			2,177	1,458	3,177	1,798	
Staves and heading.....M.....	212	12,589			1,165	28,879	1,377	41,468	
Sugar, brown.....pounds.....	10,180	950			8,138	807	18,318	1,757	
refined.....do.....	2,860	370	5,960	610	90,182	10,282	99,002	11,262	
Tar and pitch.....barrels.....	80	192	50	97	882	2,158	1,012	2,447	
	46		50		690		786		
Tobacco, leaf.....{ hhds.....		12,926		13,775		181,139	2	207,840	
	105		68		5		178		
Trunks and valises.....		930				323		1,253	
Umbrellas, parasols, and sun-shades.....						354		354	
Vinegar.....gallons.....	3,056	352			815	140	3,871	492	
Wax.....pounds.....					1,033	175	1,033	175	
Wearing apparel.....						4,155		4,155	

STATEMENT—Continued.

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Species of merchandise.	British possessions in Africa.		French possessions in Africa.		Other ports in Africa.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.
Wheat.....bushels.....	4,538	5,848	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,538	5,848
Wheat flour.....barrels.....	11,395	71,978	219	1,693	12,519	60,154	24,227	133,125
All other articles manufactured.....	.....	53,468	.....	772	.....	14,207	.....	68,447
All other articles raw.....	.....	187	.....	199	.....	3,628	.....	3,984
Total.....	.....	393,579	.....	25,177	.....	1,706,614	.....	2,125,370
Number of American vessels cleared.....	No. 38	Tons. 27,974	No. 9	Tons. 364	No. 52	Tons. 15,096	Total No. 92	Total tons, 43,434

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Register's Office, January 27, 1859.

F. BIGGER, Register.

Statement exhibiting the quantity and value of goods, wares, and merchandises, of the growth, produce, and manufacture of foreign countries, exported in American vessels from the United States to the coast of Africa during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858.

Species of merchandise.	British possessions in Africa.		French possessions in Africa.		Other ports in Africa.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.
FREE OF DUTY.								
Coffee pounds					1,946	224	1,946	224
Teas, from their place of production in certain vessels..... do.....	1,495	690	601	260	3,139	1,763	5,235	2,713
Cold coin.....						23,298		23,298
All other articles.....						60		60
Total.....		690		260		25,345		26,295
PAYING DUTIES AD VALOREM.								
Acids—acetic, benzoic, boracic, citric, muriatic pounds					3,612	158	3,612	158
Cheese..... do.....	560	120					560	120
Beer, ale, and porter, in casks gallons.....								
..... in bottles..... do.....					60	40	60	40
Cordage, untarred..... pounds.....					182	21	182	21
Cotton, and manufactures of—								
Piece goods.....						4,709		4,709
Manufactures of, not specified.....						22,475		22,475
Piece goods, wholly of cotton.....						28,459		28,459
Fish—								
Dried and smoked..... cwt.....					33	104	33	104
Mackerel barrels.....					259	2,500	259	2,500
Salmon do.....					2	25	2	25
All other do.....					2	48	2	48
Sardines and other fish in oil.....						19		19
Linens, bleached or unbleached.....						172		172
Raisins.....	8,000	800			880	60	8,880	860
Glass—								
Silvered.....						262		262
Window, broad, crown, or cylinder..... square feet.....	1,000	60					1,000	60
Manufactures of, not specified.....						7,113		7,113
Jewelry, real or imitations of.....						63		63
Gunny bags.....						225		225
Hats and bonnets of straw, and all other vegetable substances.....						71		71

STATEMENT—Continued.

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Species of merchandise.	British possessions in Africa.		French possessions in Africa.		Other ports in Africa.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.
PAYING DUTIES AD VALOREM—Continued.								
Iron, iron and steel, and manufactures of—								
Chain cables.....pounds.....					1,043	63	1,043	63
Cutlery.....						350		350
Hoop iron.....pounds.....					33,508	1,411	33,508	1,411
Muskets and rifles.....					5,628	14,337	5,628	14,337
Fire-arms, not specified.....						1,546		1,546
Side arms.....						675		675
Matting, Chinese, or other of flags, jute, &c.....						103		103
Molasses.....gallons.....	200	96			526	192	726	288
Castor oil.....					10	14	10	14
Linseed oil.....					299	282	299	282
Silk, manufactures of, not specified.....						2,565		2,565
Soda ash.....pounds.....					12,746	421	12,746	421
Spices—cloves.....do.....					1,772	169	1,772	169
Brandy.....gallons.....					468	1,305	468	1,305
Sugar—								
Brown.....pounds.....					2,377	270	2,377	270
Loaf, and other refined.....do.....					75,494	8,246	75,494	8,246
Cigars.....M.....	2	45	5	74	56	1,373	63	1,492
China, earthen, porcelain, and stone ware.....						203		203
Red wines, not enumerated, in casks.....gallons.....					73	73	73	73
White.....do.....do.....do.....					538	526	538	526
Champagne, in bottles.....dozen.....					28	357	28	357
Piece goods of wool, including wool and cotton.....						18		18
Manufactures of wool, not specified.....						5,991		5,991
Manufactures not enumerated.....at 24 per cent.....						3,975		3,975
Total paying duties.....		1,121		74		110,989		112,184
Total free of duty.....		690		260		25,345		26,295
Total.....		1,811		334		136,334		138,479

Statement exhibiting the quantity and value of goods, wares, and merchandise imported in American vessels from the coast of Africa, the duties received thereon, and the number and tonnage of American vessels which entered therefrom, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858.

Species of merchandise.	British possessions in Africa		Other ports in Africa.		Total.		Duties received thereon.	
	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Rate.	Dollars.
FREE OF DUTY.								
Argols or crude tartar.....		175				175		
Animals, living, of all kinds.....				69		69		
Articles the produce of the United States.....		4,142		2,797		6,939		
Coin—								
Gold.....		886		24,425		25,311		
Silver.....		1,128		9,031		10,159		
Bullion, gold.....		1,115		50,212		51,327		
Coffee..... pounds..			977,425	77,355	977,425	77,355		
Copper—								
Old.....		2,756		922		3,678		
Ore.....				6,093		6,093		
Dye wood, in stick.....		905		19,617		20,522		
Ivory, unmanufactured.....		1,618		362,898		364,516		
Oil, spermaceti, whale and other fish.....		338				338		
Old junk and oakum.....		25		302		327		
Seeds, trees, shrubs, bulbs, plants and roots, not otherwise provided for.....		20				20		
Wool, sheep's, unmanufactured, in value not exceeding 20 cents per pound.....		400,031		5,542		405,573		
All other articles.....		14		10		24		
Total.....		413,153		559,273		972,426		
PAYING DUTIES AD VALOREM.								
Arrow root..... pounds..	410	61	240	22	650	83	Ad valorem.	12 45
Cordage, untarred..... do.			34,977	857	34,977	857	15 per cent..	19
Dates..... do.			1,842,412	27,830	1,842,412	27,830	8.....do....	2,226 40
Limes..... do.				33		33	8.....do....	2 64
Other green, ripe, or dried fruit.....				7,701		7,701	8.....do....	616 08
Gums, Arabic, Barbary, copal, &c..... pounds..	24,500	2,593	1,347,187	275,859	1,371,687	278,452	8.....do....	22,376 16
All other gums or resins in a crude state..... do.	418	69	54,270	4,288	54,688	4,357	8 .. do....	347 56
Indigo..... do.			1,763	893	1,763	893	4.....do....	35 84
Old and scrap iron..... cwt..	2,795	2,601	580	960	3,375	2,861	24.....do....	686 64
Other manufactures of iron not specified.....				100		100	24.....do....	24 00
Jute, Sisal grass, coir, &c..... cwt..	600	3,475			600	3,475	19.....do....	658 25
Japanned leather or skins of all kinds.....				2		2	19.....do....	38

STATEMENT—Continued.

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Species of merchandise.	British possessions in Africa.		Other ports in Africa.		Total.		Duties received thereon.	
	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Quantity.	Dollars.	Rate.	Dollars.
PAYING DUTIES AD VALOREM—Continued.								
Oil—							<i>Ad valorem.</i>	
Whale and other fish, of foreign fishing.....gallons..			30,743	15,228	30,743	15,228	15 per cent..	2,284 21
Essential, expressed or volatile.....	10			234		244	24....do....	58 56
Neatsfoot and other animal.....gallons..			7,647	3,632	7,647	3,632	15....do....	544 80
Palm and cocoa-nut.....do....	76,984	33,842	971,063	340,102	1,048,047	373,944	4....do....	14,957 76
Raw hides and skins.....		330,848		236,786		567,634	4....do....	22,705 36
Silk, manufactures of, not specified.....				74		74	24....do....	17 76
Cloves.....pounds..			559,503	62,225	559,503	62,225	4....do....	2,489 00
Pepper—								
Black.....do....			3,702	228	3,702	228	4....do....	9 12
Red.....do....			79,459	3,476	79,459	3,476	4....do....	139 04
Ginger, dried, green, ripe, preserved and pickled.....do....	34,910	1,470			34,910	1,470	15....do....	220 50
Sugar, brown.....do....			168,107	5,764	168,107	5,764	24....do....	1,383 36
Tallow.....do....			2,376	127	2,376	127	8....do....	19 16
Teas, from places other than that of their production.....do....	150	20			150	20	15....do....	3 00
China, earthen, porcelain, and stone ware.....		26				26	24....do....	6 24
Wine—								
Madeira, in casks.....gallons..	720	640			720	640	30....do....	192 00
Sherry and St. Lucar.....do....	3,330	2,154			3,330	2,154	30....do....	646 20
Wood—								
Ebony.....				820		820	8....do....	65 60
Granadilla.....				4		4	8....do....	32
Mahogany.....				51		51	8....do....	4 08
All other cabinet woods, unmanufactured.....				11		11	8....do....	88
Wool, unmanufactured, not otherwise provided for.....pounds..	31,950	11,379			31,950	11,379	24....do....	2,730 96
Articles not enumerated—								
At 4 per cent.....		1,214		6,591		7,805	4....do....	312 20
At 8 per cent.....		5,346		534		5,880	8....do....	470 40
At 15 per cent.....		12,587		12,111		24,698	15....do....	3,704 70
At 24 per cent.....				6,097		6,097	24....do....	1,463 28
At 30 per cent.....				4		4	30....do....	1 20
Total paying duties.....		408,335		1,011,944		1,420,279		81,569 91
Free of duty.....		413,153		559,273		972,426		
Total.....		821,488		1,571,217		2,392,705		
Number of American vessels entered.....	No. 31	Tons, 8,227	No. 71	Tons, 18,477	Total No., 101	Tons, 26,704		

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